
HOUSE BILL 3222

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1 AN ACT Relating to safety belts on school buses; and amending RCW
2 46.37.510.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.37.510 and 1987 c 330 s 729 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) No person may sell any automobile manufactured or assembled
7 after January 1, 1964, nor may any owner cause such vehicle to be
8 registered thereafter under the provisions of chapter 46.12 RCW unless
9 such motor car or automobile is equipped with automobile seat belts
10 installed for use on the front seats thereof which are of a type and
11 installed in a manner conforming to rules adopted by the state patrol.
12 Where registration is for transfer from an out-of-state license, the
13 applicant shall be informed of this section by the issuing agent and
14 has thirty days to comply. The state patrol shall adopt and enforce
15 standards as to what constitutes adequate and safe seat belts and for
16 the fastening and installation of them. Such standards shall not be
17 below those specified as minimum requirements by the Society of
18 Automotive Engineers on June 13, 1963.

1 (2) Every passenger car manufactured or assembled after January 1,
2 1965, shall be equipped with at least two lap-type safety belt
3 assemblies for use in the front seating positions.

4 (3) Every passenger car manufactured or assembled after January 1,
5 1968, shall be equipped with a lap-type safety belt assembly for each
6 permanent passenger seating position. This requirement shall not apply
7 to police vehicles.

8 (4) Every passenger car manufactured or assembled after January 1,
9 1968, shall be equipped with at least two shoulder harness-type safety
10 belt assemblies for use in the front seating positions.

11 (5) The state patrol shall excuse specified types of motor vehicles
12 or seating positions within any motor vehicle from the requirements
13 imposed by subsections (1), (2), and (3) of this section when
14 compliance would be impractical.

15 (6) No person may distribute, have for sale, offer for sale, or
16 sell any safety belt or shoulder harness for use in motor vehicles
17 unless it meets current minimum standards and specifications conforming
18 to rules adopted by the state patrol or the United States department of
19 transportation.

20 (7) Every school bus must be equipped with safety belts for use by
21 each person riding the bus. The safety belts must be of a design to
22 provide a lap belt for pelvic restraint and a shoulder belt to restrain
23 upper torso movement. The safety belts are required in all school
24 buses purchased on or after September 1, 2008.

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